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SUBJ: FORECLOSURE SALE OF SS BRIDGEHAMPTON

REF: STATE 1411606

1. RE REFERENCE QUERIES, US ATTORNEY RICHTER SHOULD KNOW THAT AN EXPEDITIOUS REPLY TO HIS QUESTIONS IS NOT LIKELY TO BE FORTHCOMING FROM EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES. APART FROM LACKING THE PERSONNEL TO DO SUCH LEGAL RESEARCH, OUR EXPERIENCE WITH EGYPTIAN COURTS IS THAT THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS CASES, PAST OR PRESENT, DIRECTLY WITH US. INSTEAD, THEY REFER QUESTIONER TO FOREIGNMINISTRY. THIS ENTAILS COMMUNICATING FORMALLY WITH FORMINISTRY WITH REQUEST IT APPROACH APPROPRIATE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES FOR REPLIES. PROCEDURE IS CUMBERSOME, TIME CONSUMING, AND RESULTS HAVE USUALLY BEEN SPARSE. WE WILL NEVERTHELESS SUBMIT THE APPROPRIATE INQUIRES.

2. FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, IT APPEARS THAT ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS SHOULD ALREADY BE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. SPECIFICALLY, EGYPTIAN HARD CURRENCY SHORTAGE IS WELL KNOWN. THIS MEANS THAT ALL SUCH CLAIMS PROCEEDS WILL BE PAID IN EGYPTIAN CURRENCY. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, EGYPTIANS ARE NOT CONVERTING OUR EXISTING EGYPTIAN POUND HOLDINGS INTO DOLLARS. WE NEED NO MORE EGYPTIAN POUNDS TO PAY EMBASSY OR RELATED COSTS; WE HAVE ALREADY MORE THAN ENOUGH.

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3. IF US TAKES ASSIGNMENT OF REFERENCED CLAIMS, GOE WOULD

PROBABLY BE UNHAPPY. MOREOVER, IF ACCEPTED, THESE CLAIMS
WOULD SIMPLY BE ADDED TO THE ALREADY CONSIDERABLE AS YET
UNPAID OFFICIAL USG CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT.

4. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN FONMIN REPLIES ARE KNOWN. OUR
HORSEBACK ESTIMATE IS THAT THIS WILL NOT BE IN LESS THAN
SIX MONTHS.
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